Hello everyone,

Parents, students and staff of Clermont welcome back to Term three, 2015! This term promises to be exciting. We’ll have our NAPLAN results, Central Highlands Eisteddfod, district and regional athletics and state cross country. We will also trial a new way of delivering maths in our lower years. Year one will start before school reading next week and our big kids, the year five and six students, will go to Canberra for camp. What a time we have ahead of us!

Maths in prep to year one

For some time we have noticed that we are seeing less ‘Ds’ and ‘Es’ which means more C+ students, which is positive. However, what we’re not seeing is a huge increase in students achieving A and Bs for maths and upper two bands for NAPLAN. With this in mind we are focusing on problem solving using the ‘Back to Front Maths’ program. We will stream our students in prep and year one into ability groups and have extra teachers and teacher aides on hand to deliver the curriculum. I’ll keep parents posted through the newsletter on how we’re progressing with this new strategy.

Target behaviour for the week - ‘Start the term in the way you’d like to finish it.’

On parade our school captains delivered this really important challenge to students at Clermont State School. They also explained that now is the time to start thinking about our attitudes, behaviour and make any changes necessary in the way we think about our learning to help us succeed. If we focus on the right learning behaviours now, we’re a lot more likely to be getting them right come the end of the term or even next term when we prepare for major assessment considered for report cards.

A few of the key positive learning behaviours were also discussed. They included:

* Listening carefully to, and following, teacher instructions.

* Taking turns to speak.

* Putting 100% effort into every activity at school. If you can answer the question: ‘Could I have tried any harder?’ and the answer is ‘no,’ you’re well on your way to making great learning choices.

So parents, talk to your children about their learning and what different choices they could make, in the long run it can make a huge difference. The time for change is now!
Final camp payments coming up

Don’t forget, it’s only a matter of weeks before our year five and six students (and a number of adventurous staff members) brave the elements in Australia’s coldest region – the ACT. Camp promises to be a once in a lifetime experience for all in attendance and it’s almost time to pay the final instalments to make it a reality for your child. Please come in by 31st July to make the final payment.

If you haven’t yet started thinking about winter clothes for your child on camp, please do so! While we will be indoors most of the time, transitioning between attractions will be quite chilly and I’m certain the snow fields will be downright freezing! Please ensure you have several sets of jeans/ trousers, a jumper and warm jacket. It’s also a good idea to pack a beanie (plain colours please, not hot pink!) and some gloves. The camp will be ‘free dress’ except for during the visit to Parliament House where I’d like our students to wear their school shirt and a pair of jeans (blue or black preferably – no rips). A jumper or a jacket can be worn over the top. If you want to clarify anything, please see our camp co-ordinator, Mr Forrest. The camp ‘hoodies’ have arrived and will be distributed closer to departure day.

Parent awards on parade

We often focus on students and teachers here at school when we talk about achievement. But the reality is, as the old saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child. In Clermont we have a wonderfully supportive community who help us to achieve the fantastic results that we do and I’d like to start recognising those people whenever we can. Clermont SS P&C supports the school with this recognition and to show its support, is willing to provide a $10 gift voucher per person from the Commercial Hotel. Next week we will be announcing another recipient, let’s hope it’s you!

We know we have plenty more generous and supportive parents to recognise, don’t worry we plan to get to you all!
Change of details

It’s at this time of year, around report card time, when we often learn that our parent contact details are old or out dated. Remember parents it’s really important that we have all your details up to date on our system so that in the event of an emergency we can contact the right person. Also, if we know in advance, we can make a copy of report cards to send to parents who may be separated. Thanks in anticipation.

New ‘helper’ at Clermont State School

Yesterday at parade we talked about a special new helper at school to help us with a range of educational goals. The only ‘titbit’ of information is that it’s Mr Martin’s friend……. I think he will be around come Friday middle session to begin meeting students at our school and then will be a regular visitor at parade….

‘Undie Drive’ for McDonalds House –not 200, not 300, but 400 pairs and counting!

Calling all parents: we need undies, knickers, briefs, jocks, Reg Grundies, whatever you call them, we need them! A great initiative started by the Looker family is quickly gathering momentum at Clermont SS. Mrs Looker has an association with McDonald House and has been looking at ways to support the worthwhile charity. Often people staying at McDonalds House leave their homes quickly to be with their children whilst they are in hospital. In fact some people are so ill prepared for the ordeal (and understandably so) that they don’t even get the chance to pack a bag, meaning that they are without the ‘bare’ essentials. McDonalds House often have clothes that they can share with families during their stay. Mrs Looker asked volunteers at McDonalds House how she could help and the message came back loud and clear: ‘We need undies!’ And so started the great ‘Undie Drive’. Already the campaign has collected 400 pairs of donated jocks for the cause and we’re hoping to donate a lot more! If you’d like to help out drop off a pair of new undies at the school office and help a family who is doing it tough to at least have access to the bare essentials during a really difficult time. The last week will be Friday of week 3, July 31st, so get them in to help a great cause.
Office opening hours

This week we implemented our new front office opening hours. As I’m sure many of you would be aware and able to appreciate, the front office can get extremely busy and we’d like to streamline processes by asking people to complete business at designated hours. Opening hours from term 3 will be from 8.30 to 3.30pm daily. I am confident that if we keep our business with the front office to those key times, processes will be streamlined and everything we need to get done, will get done! I look forward to your support on this.

If you have any educational issue you’d like to discuss please come and see us at administration.

Yours in education
Adam Poulus
Principal
MESSAGES FROM THE HEAD OF CURRICULUM – WEEK 1

Mathematics – PREP AND YEAR 1 MATHS GROUPS
This year, we are implementing a new maths program at Clermont State School, called ‘Back to Front Maths.’ This program has a heavy focus on problem solving, encouraging students to understand the mathematics behind their answer and use their reasoning skills to explain why their answer is correct.

During Term 3, students across Prep and Year 1 will be participating in maths groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Students will be given the opportunity to work with a variety of peers across the two year levels and will be completing challenging hands-on maths tasks suited to their ability.

During this time, the major focus will be on number concepts and place value. Students will be looking at numbers to 10 and beyond, as well as addition, subtraction, partitioning and number patterns.

How can you help at home?
- Ask your child to collect a number of items (example: they could collect 4 pegs out of the peg basket while you are hanging out the washing).
- Practise counting in game situations.
- Don’t expect your children to naturally add and subtract like you do.
- Let your children discuss their ways for adding and subtracting with you.

If you have any further questions about our mathematics program, please see your child’s teacher.

Danielle Freiberg
Head of Curriculum
Hello Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that you all had safe and happy holidays!

**Current Fundraising:**
We are now fundraising for a sound system for the school hall. Our P&C’s Grants Sub-Committee is also working hard to apply for various grants. There will be other events and initiatives taking place throughout the year to contribute towards this.

**Catering for Endeavour Rally:**
Next Monday & Tuesday, the 20th and 21st of July, the Endeavour Rally will be coming through Clermont. The P&C are catering for their dinner (Monday night) and their breakfast (Tuesday morning) and we need your help! See the note below for more details.

**Coin Drive – 5c pieces wanted! :**
We are running a coin drive for Term 3. There is a “Shrapnel Jar” situated on the counter at the school office. Please donate your 5c pieces (or other coins, if you wish!) to our “Shrapnel Jar”. All donations are appreciated and are going to a worthy cause – OUR SCHOOL!

**Meetings:**
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th of August at 3:30pm in the school Library.

Best regards,

Leah Archibald,
CSS P&C President.

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**FUNDRAISER - HELPERS REQUIRED TO FEED THE ENDEAVOUR RALLY CREW!**
Please contact the office or text 0448 523 200 with how long and when you can help.
Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated.

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**TUCKSHOP**
Tuckshop roster will be in next weeks newsletter if you are able to help one or more Monday or Fridays this term please text the date and your details (name and best contact number) to 0448523200 or leave a note at the office
Let’s light up Clermont State School! Children’s Book Week, 70th Anniversary, commences in Week 7 of Term 3, 24 to 28 August 2015. Now is the perfect #me to think about what to wear for Fancy Dress which will be held on Monday 24 August 2015. Come as your favourite Story Book Character or this year’s theme *Books light up our world*. If you’re struggling for ideas, come and see us in the Library, we are happy to help. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed and runner’s up.
Playgroup

If you have a baby or toddler and would like to get out and meet other mums and bubs come along to playgroup on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 in the school hall.

Remember to bring a plate to share and this is a nut to free school and playgroup

Call Katrina for more information: 0408721130.
Find us on ‘Facebook’ Clermont Playgroup

UNIFORM SHOP: the uniform shop will be open fortnightly on Wednesdays only. The best way to order uniforms is to complete your order online using Flexischool.  **Winter stock now available.**

Sizes to suit older students, a new shipment now in stock.

**Shop open - Wednesday 15th July 2015  8:30 to 9:00**
## DATE CLAIMERS

**14th July 2015**

### Term 3 Week 1

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### ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES TO STUDENTS:

Parents, with the arrival of the cold weather we have a lot of students coming down with illnesses. Remember there are legal requirements regarding students taking medicines at school, all medication should be in the original packaging and have the chemist label with ‘name of student, dosage and date’. We also appreciate that you or a caregiver bring any medication into the office as there are forms to be completed and all medicines are kept at the office.
WILL BE IN......

CLERMONT- Mon 27TH JULY 7:30 PM,
The Grand Hotel, Cnr Capella & Daintree St.

MORANBAH- Tues 28TH JULY 7:30 PM,
Community Centre, Town Square, Cnr Bachelor Parade & Mills Ave.

MACKAY- Wed 29TH JULY 7:30 PM,
Magpies Sporting Club, Glenella Road,
All seminars are $10 per person.
Bookings; Kerrie: 0448425039.

Hayley Wallace is a Naturopath with passion, committed to health education and helping people to achieve optimum wellness.
Hayley’s own experience with surviving cancer inspired her to help people understand what they can do to reduce their risk factors.
Hayley will share her insights on achieving wellness to provide you with some powerful information that her years of research have uncovered.

Topics that will be covered are...
CHEMICALS, NUTRITION & ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION
Clermont… the Buffalo Show is BACK!

Monday 20 July 6:30pm to 7:30pm
@ Rodeo Arena
Clermont Show Grounds

ADMISSION
Students: FREE!
Adults: $5 donation

Young local talent also performing on the night!

See some local ‘superstars’ attempt the famous ‘Buffalo Mount’!

Join with us to help raise much needed funds for a great cause...

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